

TRIAL OF REV. J. E. R. RIDDICK CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF DR WILLIAM TEMPLE WILL BE A GREAT LEGAL BATTLE.

IT PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING IN VIRGINIA FOR MANY YEARS PAST.



BRUNSWICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

THE MURDER WAS A GREAT SHOCK TO THE PEOPLE OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The Man Who Was Killed Was One of the Most Popular in His Section of the State and No One Had Known Him to Give Offense to Those With Whom He Was Associated, or to Have Any Difficulty With His Neighbors.



THE LATE DR. WM. H. TEMPLE. (Who Was Shot and Killed by Riddick.)

LAWRENCE, VA., April 28.—Special.—The trial of Rev. J. E. R. Riddick for the murder of Dr. Wm. H. Temple will commence in the County Court of Brunswick county next Thursday, May 24.

The trial promises to be one of the most interesting that has ever taken place in this section of the State. A great number of witnesses have been summoned on each side and the trial will probably occupy eight or ten days.

This murder was a great shock to the people of this county, and probably to the whole State, owing to the prominence of the slayer and his victim.

Rev. J. E. R. Riddick is about forty years of age, and has for some years been a member of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been in charge of the South Brunswick Circuit for about two years.

Dr. Temple was in his thirty-eighth year and was one of the most popular

and successful physicians in the county. Almost every one who knew Dr. Temple liked him, and no one ever knew him to give offense or have a difficulty with any one.

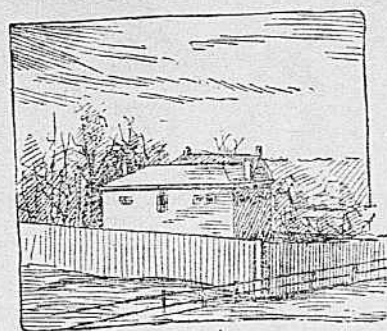
As previously stated in this correspondence, Mr. Riddick rode up to the house of Dr. Wm. H. Temple, about sunrise on Sunday morning, March 11th, and dismounting, went to the front door. Dr. Temple met Mr. Riddick and extended his hand, thinking he came to summon him to attend his wife, as he (the Doctor) had been called to see her the Wednesday night before and was expecting to be called again at any time. Mr. Riddick, instead of taking the Doctor's hand, drew a pistol and fired one shot which missed his mark and took effect in the wall.

Dr. Temple ran out into the back yard and was closely pursued by Mr. Riddick, who fired four other shots, all of which took effect, and then mounted his horse and rode off. Dr. Temple lived one week and died on the afternoon of the following

RIDDICK CLAIMED DR. TEMPLE INSULTED HIS WIFE BUT THE PHYSICIAN DENIED THIS.



REV. J. E. R. RIDDICK.



BRUNSWICK COUNTY JAIL. (Where Rev. Mr. Riddick is Confined.)

CLOSE CONFINEMENT IN JAIL HAS MADE THE PRISONER PALE AND NERVOUS

He Reads a Great Deal, But Has Given Orders Not to Bring Him Any Newspapers Containing References to His Crime. It Is Said the Accused Does Not Wish to Plead Insanity, But His Counsel Will Probably Do So.



A. B. TURNBULL. (Sheriff of Brunswick.)



HON. N. S. TURNBULL. (Judge of Brunswick County Court.)



C. I. McNEILL. (Jailor of Brunswick County.)



HON. E. P. BUFORD. (Commonwealth's Attorney of Brunswick)

ing Sunday. Mr. Riddick claimed before the magistrate's court that Dr. Temple had insulted his wife and for that reason he shot him.

DR. TEMPLE'S DENIAL.

On his dying bed Dr. Temple denied that he had ever injured Mrs. Riddick by word or deed. Dr. Temple was conscious to the time of his death, and asked his friends to do no violence, but let the law take its course.

Those who knew Dr. Temple do not believe he has been guilty of anything improper and it is said when Mr. Riddick in the charge of officers was permitted to visit his home, that Mrs. Riddick was heard to tell him that he had shot Dr. Temple without any cause.

REV. J. E. R. RIDDICK.

Mr. Riddick has been in jail at this place since March 13th. He was accustomed to a great amount of outdoor exercise and the confinement is making him pale and nervous. He has his meals sent him from the Brunswick Hotel and has a

fair appetite. He never refers to his coming trial.

THE INSANITY PLEA.

It is said he does not wish to plead insanity, but it is the opinion of the people that this will be the move of his lawyers.

The Commonwealth will be represented by Hon. E. P. Buford, who is a brilliant and able lawyer. It is said that he will be assisted by Hon. R. W. Saunders, of Rocky Mount, Va., who was speaker of the last House of Delegates.

Mr. Riddick will be defended by Messrs. R. B. Davis, of Petersburg, Va.; E. C. Goode, of Bedford, Va.; and W. S. Poage, of Wytheville, Va.

It is probable that a change of venue will be asked for, but it is not thought necessary here and will probably not be granted, as the people of Brunswick are cool-headed and it is believed he can secure an entirely fair trial here.

WORDS OF ADVICE FROM WELL KNOWN MINISTERS TO YOUNG MEN WHO PURPOSE ENTERING THE MINISTRY



REV. S. R. MAXWELL.



RABBI E. N. CALISCH.



REV. HARRY MINNICK.

One of the Preachers Says He Was Nervous When He Preached His First Sermon, and Those Who Heard Him Were Glad When He Quit. Circumstances Under Which Their First Sermons Were Preached, and the Subjects of their Discourses.

The Times recently sent out to several ministers in Richmond a series of questions with request for answers.

Below will be found some of the replies to these questions, which were as follows:

"When, and under what circumstances did you preach your first sermon, and what was the subject of your discourse?"

"Were you nervous or frightened when you preached it?"

"What suggestions, with a view to encouraging and helping him, could you give to a young man entering the ministry?"

Rev. S. R. Maxwell, pastor of the Third Christian Church, said:

Sir.—You ask me to answer some questions. I will do so to the best of my ability.

Question 1.—When, and under what circumstances did you preach your first sermon?

The date I cannot fix exactly. The circumstances were these:

I was educated for the business of civil engineering. I became a Christian in 1888. An old minister in the city of Annapolis, Md., where I was residing, declared I ought to preach, and one evening he prevailed upon me to go into the country and speak to a congregation that assembled in a schoolhouse.

My text was John 1:9. Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Question 2.—Were you nervous?

I was, and the surroundings were enough to make a new neophyte tremble. The night was cold, the audience small, and the old preacher sat down in front to take in my intellectual and spiritual dimensions.

I trembled like an aspen leaf, throat dry and my ideas refused to come forth at my command.

I felt that I had some measure of ability as a speaker before I got up, but when I was up I began to think that I was a fool.

When I finished I was disgusted with myself and I imagined everybody else held me in contempt.

Question 3.—What advice would you give a young man entering the ministry?

HAVE THE PROPER MOTIVE.

I would tell him to be sure he has the proper motive. If you imagine the ministry is an easy life you are mistaken. No man has any right to enter the ministry with a low or mercenary motive.

Be sure you have the qualifications of brain and heart and body.

Be prepared for anything; no experience that is possible to man need surprise you. All phases of human nature will be revealed to you.

Keep cool and collected; never allow your heart to run away with your brain.

Don't fool with theology, the world is tired of dogma; people want facts and simple truths. The masses are drifting away from the churches because the church is drifting away from Christ.

Don't fool with higher criticism. Since 1850 these critics have invented 747 theories concerning the Bible; 603 of these have died a natural death and the remaining 144 are afflicted with leprosy.

and will soon need the services of the undertaker.

The criticism that demands the attention of the preacher is the sins of the race. Your time is too precious to fool away in idle and simple theory when souls are perishing.

There are three things you must know to succeed—God, The Bible, Human Nature.

Rabbi E. N. Calisch.

Rev. Dr. E. N. Calisch, Rabbi of Beth Ahava congregation, said:

Sir.—In answer to your queries as to "when and where and under what circumstances" I delivered my first sermon, what was its subject and if I was nervous or frightened, I beg to say that my maiden sermon was delivered in September, 1884, in Canton, O., President McKinley's native town. I had then just passed my nineteenth birthday by a few months. The occasion was the eve of our festival of the New Year. There was no regularly organized congregation in Canton. There were living there about fifteen Jewish families. Desiring to have public worship on our great holy days of New Year and Atonement, they perfected a temporary organization, and I came up from Cincinnati, where I was attending the secular and theological colleges, and took charge. The services were held in a Knights of Pythias hall, with an improvised amateur choir. The subject of the sermon was "The Dying Year."

I do not remember that I was especially nervous or frightened, though I was among strangers. Possibly I had the courage of ignorance; that fearlessness that youth lends to those who "rush in where angels fear to tread."

That even to-day yet I rarely enter my pulpit, or face an audience anywhere, without being keenly conscious of an ever present sense of responsibility. And sometimes that sense of responsibility is acute that it amounts to the next thing to stage fright, though I do not believe that my audience ever detect it.

SHOULD BE CALLED.

What suggestions, with a view to encouraging or helping him, would I give to a young man about to enter the ministry? I would not encourage him. I would try to discourage him. I do not believe that the ministry is a profession that young men need encouragement to enter. It is one for which they should feel so decided a "call" that not only should they need no encouragement, but they should persist in the face of obstacles.

When once he is ready and instant upon sending out his ship of life upon the ministerial sea, then I would counsel him to possess his soul of an infinite optimism and an endless patience. He must not fondly imagine that all is a fair sky, a favoring breeze and a flowing sea. There are squalls ever imminent and clouds that gather on the slightest provocation.

He must remember that, as ready and willing as people will be to do him honor and applaud him if successful, there is no more pitiable wreck on the shores of time than an unsuccessful ministry. As him as he may rise in his perdition, so correspondingly low may he fall when weighed with incapacity and popular disfavor.

The recognition of his work is to the

minister not only his bread and butter, but his cake and pie as well. Yet I would point out to the aspiring novice that there is no profession in which its real work is so little understood and appreciated. The eloquent sermon is daily applauded and praised, even as the fragrance of a rose is inhaled and enjoyed. But very few people stop to think of the sunshine and the rain, the wind and the soil and the crystal dew that are all necessary to produce that fragrance. And few persons consider the study and thought and patient toil, not to speak of the mental strain and the physical effort of the delivery, that are necessary to produce, not one, but successive sermons, that are to be acceptable and effective.

WORDS OF ADVICE.

I would advise a young man not to look for the best and most enduring results of his work in the compliments that may be paid him on his pulpit work, but to seek to make himself felt in the hearts and the homes of his people, to have them regard him as the welcome visitor, the honored friend and counselor at every fireside.

I would advise him to deal justly with his people, to honor the face of the poor equally with that of the wealthiest parsonage; never to let the fear of possible results suffer him to condone a wrong or palliate injustice. Nathan the prophet pleaded the cause of the man with the one ewe lamb and fureh his rebuke in the face of the mighty monarch.

I would advise him, above all things, never to lose the enthusiasm of the ideals of his youth, for he will often stand in sore need of them.

All these things may sound as so many platitudes, but they are none the less the teachings of the true minister, and only such as have the spirit to endure and the faith that shines as an undimmed star in the darkness would I encourage to undertake to be a worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

Rev. Harry Minnick, pastor of Marshall-Street Christian church, said:

Sir.—I attempted to preach my first sermon during my third year in college in a country church in Mason county, Ky., in 1888. The subject of my lesson was the Pharisee and the Publican—Luke xviii., 10-14.

You can judge of my nervous condition when I tell you I had completed a forty-minutes' sermon in fourteen. Being afraid to cease then, I began on another forty-minutes' sermon and had completed both in twenty-four minutes. The people seemed glad when I quit.

The last query includes so much that I cannot say much. A young minister should first consider the difficulties to overcome and then the extravagant demands which are made upon the minister of the gospel. When he has weighed these as accurately as his inexperience will permit and he still has a strong desire to enter this, the noblest of all callings, let him secure the record, with a permit and then study two books daily and earnestly, viz.: The Bible and human nature. The life of a true minister is a blessing to himself and to those he teaches.

BUSY BRAINS OF INVENTORS!

Buttons are easily cleaned without removal from the garment by a new machine, which has a slotted base, in which a slide is arranged to open and receive the button, with a brush suspended in the opening to be revolved by a crank and scrub the button.

A Washington man has patented a new cross-cut saw machine, to be worked by the legs, having two L-shaped arms pivoted on a frame, the long end of one L projecting up and the other down, with pedals on the short ends, which reciprocate a bar attached to the saw.

A comfortable seat for carriages has been designed by a Massachusetts man, comprising a pair of brackets secured in the front of the wagon box, with curved sockets in the brackets, in which spindles are set to carry a bar, which is raised or lowered to the right height.

Water can be drawn from a well and carried to the house by a new apparatus, having a carriage riding on a cable and carrying a windlass, which is revolved by the movement of the cable, being operated in turn is driven by a crank to move the carriage and windlass in either direction.

A folding ladder has been patented by a New York man, comprising a tube cut in two sections lengthwise, with a row of pivot pins in each half to support the rungs, which are loosely mounted to allow the two parts of the tube to shut up and contain the rungs in the interior.

In a new hat and coat holder provision is made to support the hat against the wall above the coat hook, a loop of spring being inserted in sockets on the upper side of the hook, the loop pressing against the wall and surrounding the brim of the hat.

By the use of a new steam radiator the air is drawn from the interior to admit more steam when the radiator cools, a thermostat being connected with a valve to open the exhaust outlet and allow the steam to flow in without regard to the other radiators on the circuit.

An improved hat hanger for church pews holds a hat of any size rigidly in place, a bar being held in brackets at the rear of the under side of the seat, with a coil of spring stretched across the front, to be pulled out and allow the hat brim to be inserted.

Two Montana men have patented a handy knife sharpener which has a pair of small grindstones inserted in movable

jaws, with a system of gearing inside a casing, to which the jaws are attached, a crank being used to revolve the train and turn the stones rapidly over the blade to be sharpened.

Powder for flashlight pictures is replaced by gas in a new invention, which has the gas stored in a jar, with a flame in position to ignite it when the jar is opened by pressure on a pneumatic bulb, the latter also operating the shutter of the camera.

Parallel lines can be rapidly drawn on a sheet of paper by a new device, which has a wooden stock provided with transverse grooves, in which the crayons are inserted, being held in place by a flat spring crossing them at right angles, with a spring grip to be held in the hand.

A Missouri woman has patented a device by which clothes can be kept from a boiler without tearing them or scaling the boiler, a pair of levers being pivoted end to end on a rigid bar, with toothed ends on the bar and one lever, the opposite ends carrying grips to close the jaws on the clothes.

An improved spade for breaking up earth into fine particles has a steel frame shaped like a shovel blade, with the interior portion cut away and strung with wires, which are tightened by nuts to stiffen the spade.

To prevent stock from jumping over a fence a Virginian has designed a harness which leaves the animal's head free to graze, comprising a crupper and halter, connected by straps running between the animal's forelegs, which prevents lifting the head high enough to jump.

Liquids will not spill over in filling bottles if an improved funnel is used, the tube being inserted in a rubber stopper to fit tightly in the neck of the bottle, with a small tube inside to exhaust the air, and an internal stopper, which cuts off the flow when the bottle is full.

An improved tobacco-pipe has a removable diaphragm stretched across the interior of the bowl, to strain the smoke before it enters the mouth, a spring frame engaging the edge of the bowl to hold a ring in place inside, with a strainer stretched across the ring.

A Frenchman has designed a neat disinfecting device for purifying rooms, comprising a cup to be suspended over the top of a lamp-chimney or gas-jet, in which the liquid is placed for evaporation, with a horizontal fan above the

cup to be revolved by the heated air, and spread the disinfectant.

By a new opera-glass attachment the focusing of the glass is made easier, the spindle being rotated by a rack bar, which is pivoted on the frame, and has a serrated knob projecting over the top, to be reciprocated by the finger and open or close the glass.

To project the sounds from a phonograph to all parts of a hall a New York man has designed a new arrangement of horns, having a receiving tube extending vertically above the record, with a belt connecting it with the motor, a series of horns projecting in different directions from the upper end of the tube.

A new bath seat has a pair of steel wire hooks to engage the edges of the tub, with a broad band of heavy fabric laced between the hooks and secured by a flat buckle, which allows the seat to be lowered or raised by lengthening or shortening the band.

In a new starting machine for race courses a pair of cars travel on rails on either side of the track, supporting a pair of spring-controlled arms, which fly up to lift the starting bar when the race is under way, the cars being run by a motor to keep pace with the contestants at the start.

SEVOR LACOSTE ACCEPTS

He Will Succeed Gen. Rivera as Secretary of Agriculture.

HAVANA, April 28.—Senor Perfecto Lacoste has accepted office of Secretary of Agriculture, made vacant by the resignation of General Luis Rivera.

Senor Estrada Mota, acting Mayor of Havana, will be offered the majority for the remainder of the term.

Richmond Man Makes Address.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Ecumenical Conference opened today with devotional services, in Carnegie Hall, at 3:30 A. M., led by Rev. H. C. Mable, in the Central Presbyterian Church, "The Non-Christian Religions" were the topics for discussion, with a view to finding the best method for reaching Japan, China and India and other lands. The speakers included Dr. Johnston, of Richmond.

Cut in Wire and Nails.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 28.—The Alabama Steel and Wire Company, whose wire and nail mill, at Bessemer, recently began operations, has announced a cut in the price of its products, in opposition to the American Steel and Wire Company.

The co-operative societies in England and Wales paid during the last quarter \$7,668,249 as dividends.

LAST STEP IN THE REORGANIZATION

John Skelton Williams Succeeds His Brother as President.

CHANGE OF DIRECTORS, TOO.

Mr. W. R. McKenney Resigns and Jno. M. Sherwood Takes the Place. The Gilliam Case Will Probably Be Transferred.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 28.—Special.—Mr. John Skelton Williams was elected president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at a meeting of the Board of Directors of that company, held in Petersburg to-day.

Mr. Williams was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. Randolph Williams, which was received and accepted at the meeting this morning.

THE DIRECTORS.

The old directors of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad resigned, and the following were chosen directors of the Seaboard Air Line, which is now the name of the road: Messrs. John Skelton Williams, S. Davis Warfield, Robert C. Williams, James H. Dooley, William A. Marlbury, William F. Cockran, C. Sidney Shepard and Joan W. Muddendorf. Mr. John M. Sherwood was

chosen in place of W. R. McKenney, resigned.

THE GILLIAM CASE.

The case of Thomas M. Gilliam, which was carried in the Hustings Court of this city several days ago, will probably be transferred to Prince George county for trial, where the offence with which

BETTER THAN THE KNIFE.

Pyramid Pile Cure Cures Piles Quickly, Painlessly, Without Danger.

People go along for years, suffering with piles. They try this and that, and the other thing, from carrying a buckeye to getting treatment from a physician. They obtain temporary relief, maybe, but they are never quite cured. A little strain in lifting, excessive fatigue, a little constipation, or a little diarrhoea, and the piles come back.

They don't seem to amount to much, but they banish sleep and appetite. No position is comfortable. There is intense local pain and that dreadful, agonizing feeling of weight in the perineum.

Maybe in the early stages some of the many of the salves on sale will afford temporary relief. If the case is of long standing there is only one speedy and sure remedy. It is Pyramid Pile Cure. Even in light cases it is the safest thing to use. Other applications may cure and may not. Pyramid Cure is always certain, always reliable, always brings comfort at once. Its prompt use saves months of severe suffering. In extreme cases it will save surgical operations and their attendant dangers and discomforts. It is better than the knife. Will cure easier, quicker and safer. Thousands have used it. Thousands have been cured by what it does. The price is one dollar. Most anybody would gladly pay ten dollars to be rid of piles.

Druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure. If you haven't it, he will get it for you from the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., sole manufacturers.

Gilliam is charged is said to have been committed.

Another horse attempted to walk across the Norfolk and Western Railroad Bridge, which crosses the Courthouse Road just beyond the limits of Blandford. No one saw him in the act, but Mr. Penner, of Prince George county, while on his way to the city, saw the injured horse lying in the branch just beneath the bridge.

ALFRED VANDERBILT TO MARRY.

His Engagement to Miss Elsie French Announced.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The engagement of Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt, second son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Miss Elsie French, the daughter of Mrs. Francis Ormond French, was announced to-day.

Miss Elsie French and her mother and Mr. Vanderbilt are in London.

It was learned at Newport that Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss French will be married there in September.

The father of Miss French was a well-known New Yorker, the president of the Manhattan Trust Company. He left a fortune, which has been estimated at \$15,000,000.

Alfred Vanderbilt inherited the greater part of his father's enormous fortune. He is twenty-two years old and a graduate of Yale.

Presidential Electors.

NORFOLK, VA., April 28.—It is understood that Representative John Whitehead, of Norfolk, and Colonel J. C. Parker, of Franklin, are slated to be presidential electors from this district. The knowing ones expect Judge "Tom" H. Wilcox, at present one of Norfolk's police commissioners, to be Police Justice during Mayor Johnston's second term. The salary is \$2,500 yearly. Judge Wilcox is understood to be the administration candidate as against Justice Tomlin, the present incumbent.

MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

It Is Not Probable That the British Will Overtake the Burglars.

LONDON, April 28.—3:30 A. M.—The total absence of news from the seat of war in South Africa, during the last twenty-four hours, it is presumed, indicates that operations are progressing which it is deemed prudent to keep secret.

The main body of the Boers composed of the forces recently holding Taba N'Chu Leeuw Kop and Dewet's Dorp, is retreating, probably with a view to joining in the neighborhood of Ladybrand, the commandos from the vicinity of Wepener, which according to dispatches from Altwahl North, have headed for Ladybrand.

Generals Hamilton, French, Brabant and Hart are in the vicinity, while General Ruddle is on the spot. The British thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers, if they succeed in overtaking them and bring them to bay.

It may be assumed that the Boers are to the eastward of a line drawn from Taba N'Chu to Wepener. The retreat, it seems, was carried out without fighting, which indicates that the Boers have a good start, and the dispatches say that they are not hampered much by transports and leave no visible wheel-tracks behind them on the veldt.

The chance seems even that the retreating commandos may get away without being forced to turn and fight.

Stopped the Wagons.

PRETORIA, Friday, April 27.—The representative of the Reuter Telegram Company, with the Federals at Brandfort, is informed that the British at Jammer's Drift tried to get ammunition through Basuto land, but that the Basutos stopped the wagons and informed General Dewet.

A State organization has been formed in New York by 11 unions of the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass-workers' Union of North America.